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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: AMBASSADOR NEWSOM EXCLUDED FROM GOP FUNCTIONS

HONORING PRC VICE PREMIER

1. AMBASSADOR NEWSOM WAS NOT INVITED TO PRESIDENT MARCOS' STATE DINNER MARCH 12 HONORING VISITING PRC VICE PREMIER LI HSIEN-NIEN. ON FRIDAY AMBASSADOR RECEIVED AND ACCEPTED INVITATION TO ATTEND FOREIGN SECRETARY ROMULO'S MARCH 13 RECEPTION FOR VICE PREMIER LI. HOWEVER DFA PROTOCOL TELEPHONE EMBASSY ON SATURDAY ADVISING THAT INVITATION HAD BEEN ISSUED IN ERROR AND WAS BEING WITHDRAWN.

2. AT AMBASSADOR'S DIRECTION POL COUNSELOR CHECKED WITH DFA PROTOCOL OFFICER MARCH 13 TO EXPRESS OUR PUZZLEMENT OVER EXTENSION AND WITHDRAWAL OF INVITATION AND TO INQUIRE WHETHER THIS WAS PRC OR RP DECISION. PROTOCOL OFFICER RESPONDED (WITH APPARENT SINCERITY AND EMBARRASSMENT) THAT THIS WAS INDEED A PRC DECISION. DFA HAD SENT OUT ROMULO INVITATIONS, INCLUDING ONE TO U.S. AMBASSADOR. SUBSEQUENTLY PRC AMBASSADOR CALLED ON CHIEF OF PROTOCOL TO ADVISE WHICH CHIEFS OF MISSION PRC WISHED INVITED TO ROMULO AFFAIR, AND PRC LIST

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EXCLUDED US AND CERTAIN OTHER AMBASSADORS (DFA OFFICIAL MENTIONED SAUDI ARABIA). CONSEQUENTLY, DFA OFFICIAL NOTED, DFA WAS CONSTRAINED TO WITHDRAW US AND OTHER INVITATIONS.

3. COMMENT: WE SHOULD BE INTERESTED IN ANY VIEWS DEPARTMENT, USLO PEKING OR EMBASSY DACCA MIGHT OFFER

ON THIS EPISODE (WE UNDERSTAND VICE PREMIER LI WILL
VISIT BANGLADESH AFTER THE PHILIPPINES).
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